

CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH ITS NOISE

Is Properly Ushered in by the Celestial Population of the Pass City.

PLENTY OF PUNK STICKS BURNING

"Gong hay fat toy!" That is the way "Happy New Year" looks when written in the English translation, but in the original Chinese it looks like turtle tracks in the wet sand, and sounds like a package of fireworks exploding in the interior regions of the China boy who says it. "Gong hay fat toy"—just that way.

It is a happy New Year in Chinatown today. Getting an early start soon after midnight, the slant eyed celestials have been celebrating in true oriental fashion on the trans-Overland side of Oregon street. It is an occasion for celebration. Being the 2452nd Happy New Year since old man Confucius invented the Chinese brand of time, it is up to the Chinese butchers and bakers and candlestick makers to do homage to the memory of the god of their forefathers, Goong Quo Houn. It is also the second anniversary of the ascension to the throne of Huang Tiao, the baby ruler of 400,000,000 Chinese souls, who lives in a pink palace in the forbidden city and has incense burning around his throne 265 Confucius days each year.

Cause for Joy. There is yet another occasion for rejoicing on this, the 2452 year since the year one. There has been declared between the two powerful tongs, the On Yicks and the Yee boys. The hatchet has been buried, likewise a large number of the paid hatchet men who were hired by the On Yicks to exterminate the Yees. The peace pact has been signed and the wings of the gentle dove, the symbol of things peaceful, have spread like a protecting canopy over the local Chinatown. Most of the 300 residents of the El Paso Chinese quarter are of the tribe Yee, but a few On Yicks are scattered through the underground world of lower Oregon street. Charlie Sam, mayor pro tem, of Chinatown, said there never was anything to the tong war, but it is known that the descendants of the original Mr. Yee have been speaking easy and carrying a big stick since the war started in San Francisco's Chinatown. But all is now as serene as a Quaker conference between those two divisions of the slant eyed ones. Punk sticks are equal quantities on the On Yick and the Yee altars last night and will continue to burn during the week of festivities incident to the oriental celebration of the nativity of the new year.

Chinaman and Time. For once the indolent serenity of El Paso's Chinatown was disturbed last night. There was a psychic something in the air that foretold of coming events even before the clock in Little Mac's eating Kee's shop had slipped its dusty way around to the top of the dial. There was a sound of silent revelry by night and Chinatown's yellowest citizen had gathered in the laundries and grocery shops to celebrate. Time is the least of a Chinaman's troubles and the southsiders showed their contempt for the precise chronologic reckoning by starting their batteries of fire crackers going a full 15 minutes before midnight and they kept it up until late this morning. These firecrackers, or powdering, are imported from China along with the sugar laden nuts and cinnamon candy which have such a prominent place on the festive boards at Chinese new year.

Chinaman Not Parsimonious. A China boy may have his faults but he cannot be accused of parsimony. His generosity extends to the firing of these crackers, which are touched off to put the devil on the run. String after string and bundle on bundle of these powderings are thrown into the street and the noise resulting from their explosion in the narrow street sounded like a South American revolution in the making. The old timers tell of one El Pasoan, who

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BUILDING STRIKE MAY TIE UP NEW YORK CITY

New York, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A vote is being taken today that will decide whether a strike involving 150,000 men and completely tying up the building operations of this city will be called.

The referendum was called at a conference of building trades unions last night when sympathy with the existing strike of steam fitters for an increase in wages was voted and a general strike in favor of the men now out was favored.

ANDUL HAMID TRIES TO STRANGLE HIMSELF

Paris, France, Feb. 9.—A special to Le Matin from Vienna says Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan of Turkey, was recently seized with a proxym of frenzy and attempted to strangle himself with a silk handkerchief. He was prevented from suicide by the servants and subsequently placed in a straight jacket.

No confirmation of the story is possible here.

LIVED IN EL PASO AND JUAREZ 90 YEARS; DIES

Florentino Ortega, who for 90 years had been a resident of El Paso and Juarez, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ynez Hernandez, at 813 Zaragoza alley, last night.

Ortega was born in Juarez 90 years ago and was the son of Francisco Ortega and Josefa Alderete. He had been engaged at common labor all his life.

Besides his daughter, he leaves a son, Epimonte Ortega, who resides in California.

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE IS COMING

Will Pass Through El Paso Friday Morning En Route to California.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Russell Sage of New York, one of the



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wealthiest women in the world, is here today en route to California. She visited the historic Alamo and other famous places about the city. Mrs. Sage will leave here tomorrow morning for El Paso and will reach there Friday morning on G. H. No. 9, in her private car, The Convey.

TO RAISE COTTON OVER IN MEXICO

Governor of California Is Interested in Syndicate That Buys Land.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 9.—Governor Gillett and several California capitalists have purchased from the Southern Land and Cattle company, for \$900,000 a tract of 32,000 acres of land on the border of Mexico between Calexico and Yuma. They will raise cotton.

SIX MEN KILLED

BY GAS IN MINE. Stearns, Ky., Feb. 9.—An explosion in mine No. 1 of the Stearns Coal company today killed six men outright. It is thought the victims ran into a pocket of gas which ignited when it came in contact with a lamp. The explosion was in a remote section and no others were injured.

PEARY TO BE MADE ADMIRAL

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The bill making commander Robert E. Peary, the discoverer of the north pole, rear admiral, was passed by the senate today. Indications are that the measure will also receive the approval of the house.

MEXICO GETS MINIMUM OF U. S. TARIFF.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The president has issued a proclamation granting the minimum tariff rates of the Payne-Aldrich act to Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Mexico, Panama and Liberia.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS IN BODY

Madrid, Spain, Feb. 9.—The Spanish cabinet, led by premier Moret Y. Fendegast, resigned today. The crisis was brought about by the right wing of the Liberal party protesting against the premier's alliance with the Republicans.

STONE TALKS ON PRICES OF FOOD

Declares Aldrich Is Trying To Pack the Committee of Investigation.

SAYS TARIFF IS TO BE WHITEWASHED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Apropos of the consideration of the composite Elkins-Lodge-McCumber food prices investigation resolution reported to the senate yesterday from the committee on finance and contingent expenditures, senator Stone (Mo.) today addressed the senate on the question of food prices. He undertook to show that the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill is largely responsible for the enhanced price of many of the necessities of life. Contrasting the delay on reporting the Elkins resolution with the dispatch in bringing in the Lodge measure, Mr. Stone declared that there has been a vast amount of monkey business in connection with the consideration of the subject.

Saying he had been greatly puzzled to know the meaning of the method of procedure, he declared it had the complexion of a "purpose to conceal rather than to discover."

Whitewash Schemed. "If not, why," he asked, "did the Republican members of the finance committee come rushing headlong into this business and exhibit an overwhelming anxiety to take charge of the proposed inquiry? If the remarkable things done here have given to this business the sinister aspect of a scheme on the part of certain senators to organize a committee that would start in primarily to hold the Payne-Aldrich tariff law blameless for the evils the country complains of, then the senator from Massachusetts and his Republican associates on the finance committee, have only themselves to blame."

Needs the Whitewash. "Is it the purpose of the great senators who have thrown themselves into the breach to put the proposed investigation under the control of senators who were chiefly instrumental in granting the new law and most concerned in exempting it from all responsibility for the higher prices that have followed its enactment? A deep laid apprehension to that effect has been expressed by many newspapers and many people in different parts of the country."

He said he knew of nothing which stood in such great need of a coating of whitewash as the tariff laws. As he said that there had been a rapid enhancement of prices since the passing of the law, he declared that neither an increase in the demand for food nor an increase in the gold specially could explain these advances in so short a time.

Fears Restricted Inquiry.

In all probability, Mr. Stone continued, Lodge would head the committee on inquiry and Mr. Stone expressed apprehension that "that senator would hesitate to follow out any line of inquiry which might substantiate Secretary Wilson's contention that American food products are sold cheaper abroad than in the United States."

Mr. Stone quoted from letters and newspapers to show a general increase in the necessities of life since the enactment of the Payne-Aldrich bill. Among the letters was one from a St. Louis merchant saying that cotton goods had increased in price from 12 1/2 to 33 percent; linens 7 1/2 to 10 percent, and hosiery 10 percent.

Artificial Conditions.

Every man of common sense, he said, ought to know that "the enormous profit accruing to investors in these industries are the result of artificial conditions created by law."

"I don't see how it can be contended," he continued, "that these artificial conditions from which the consumers of the country, thank heaven are beginning to become the impatient sufferers, are chiefly for the benefit of the American wage earners employed in those industries. I assert with the greatest confidence that the tariff rates as a rule, are far in excess of any difference in the labor wage in America and the chief competing countries of Europe, and I assert with equal confidence that the chief beneficiaries of this system are the men who employ this labor as the chief sufferers are the consumers who are the victims of their monopolies."

Resolution Adopted.

The senate adopted the Elkins resolution providing for the investigation of the causes underlying the higher cost of living.

AN EX-SHERIFF OF BANDERA IS KILLED

Daughter in Buggy With Him Has Close Call With Her Life in the Wreck.

I. H. Stevens, an Aged El Pasoan, Father of Two Policemen, Hurlled 90 Feet.

DEATH COMES WITHOUT WAIT

I. H. Stevens, 63 years of age, is dead, and his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Barrett, lies at the home in East El Paso suffering from a severe nervous shock as the result of an accident which occurred at the Grama street crossing of the G. H. railroad at 2:50 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Stevens, who recently moved here from Bandera, Texas, in the county of the same name, where for many years he was sheriff, was on his way home with his daughter when a special train, in which Henry W. De Forrest, a Southern Pacific director and his family, were speeding across the continent, accounted for the accident. G. S. Waid, of the G. H., bore down upon them.

They saw the train coming along the track only a few minutes before it reached them. Mrs. Barrett jumped from the buggy and saved her life, but her father, who was too old to get out of the way in time, was struck by the oncoming train and thrown 90 feet, it is stated, being almost instantly killed, while the horse was knocked equally as far and killed, the buggy being smashed to splinters.

Stevens had visited at the home of his son, R. H. Stevens, formerly a member of the police force, who resides in Orchard Park, had then gone to the home of his son Ike, who is still a member of the force, and was homeward bound when the accident occurred.

Both sons were summoned to the scene and coroner E. B. McClintock arrived shortly thereafter. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of McBean, Simmons and Carr, where it was prepared for burial and will be shipped to Bandera tonight for interment.

I. H. Stevens is survived by his father, a man 92 years of age, who resides at Bandera, his wife, three

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The Kissing Deer

SATURDAY

The Herald will print a story about the pet in the Washington Park "zoo" that likes to kiss the girls. It will also print a picture of this pet in the act of kissing—standing on its hind feet, almost like a person. They are smart pets, those deer in the El Paso "zoo"; they are going to prove an interesting source of amusement to the children of El Paso.

FLOOD AGAIN THREATENS TO OVERFLOW IN PARIS

Paris, France, Feb. 8.—The river Seine has risen nine inches here during the last 24 hours owing to yesterday's rain and melting snow.

It is predicted that the river will continue to rise until Friday, when it will reach a point equal to the flood of 1882.

Although confident that there is no danger of a repetition of the recent disaster, the authorities are taking thorough precautions and parapets at low places along the river are being hastily raised.

The waters which had dropped below the mouths of the sewers are again pouring into the conduits, drowning electric light and power lines in the vicinity of Place de l'Opera.

IN EXTRADITION; A FAREWELL TOO LATE

Just a Little Incident In the Official Life Of Two Nations

It was strangely simple, and oddly formal—the extradition of Pablo Yordl. A two years' fight against it culminated yesterday afternoon in an international drama on the Stanton street bridge.

A carriage drove away from the county jail shortly after 2 o'clock. The two horses drew up in front of an office building and four men alighted and climbed the stairs to the offices above. It was a conference, the last, with Yordl's attorney.

Soon the four men returned down the stairs and reentered the carriage. During the ride to the bridge the prisoner sat silent. He showed no emotion, nor was he since his arrest. The little Swiss, charged with the big Mexican bank fraud, seemed ready.

As the carriage arrived at the American approach to the bridge another carriage should be seen on the Mexican side. Later it was noted that rurales stood posts along the extreme southern

Young El Pasoan Crushed To Death By Locomotive



Ed. Scanton, Jr., victim of today's accident, standing in center of group, with hat on. Father (killed a year ago) on left. Mother between them. The children are brothers and sisters of the victim.

"MONEY IN AVIATION GOOD OFFER MADE TO EL PASO MEET FOR PROMOTERS"

El Paso can have an aviation meeting on February 18, 19 and 20 with three aeroplanists, including Glenn H. Curtiss, and two dirigible balloons if the promoters of the aviation event for the city will accept the proposition of Nat Reiss and K. L. Bernard.

They agree to come to El Paso for \$4000 expense money, without any guarantee of gate receipts; they only ask the first \$800 taken in at the gates. Their proposition was made to The Herald yesterday and it was then placed before the promoters of the Paulhan event. The Herald, not desiring to interfere with the Paulhan meeting, referred the proposition to those who are interested in the Paulhan affair.

"We positively will not come to El Paso on these conditions," declared Nat Reiss, "after the dates specified, for my knowledge of the local weather conditions, assures me that it would be worse than useless to attempt an aviation meeting in El Paso as late as the end of the month of the first of March. Then, too, if you wait that long, aviation meets will be a dead issue as drawing cards in this section, as they will have been held all around El Paso before that time."

Mr. Reiss left last night for Phoenix to pull off the meeting there, and Mr. Bernard left for Albuquerque to make arrangements there for a meeting. Mr. Bernard expects to be back here tomorrow and if the people who have backed the Paulhan meeting, wish to get into communication with him, they can do so.

The proposition of Bernard and Reiss follows:

"We want a \$4000 bonus for expenses."

We will take the first \$800 collected in gate receipts. We take 75 percent of the gross from the next \$4000, the El Paso promoters to take 25 percent. All over \$12,000 taken in for admissions, we split equally with the El Paso committee.

"We will agree to give the El Paso committee (The Herald if it will take up the matter) the privilege of all advance ticket sales, same to be sold at 75 cents to encourage patronage. All tickets sold at the park will be \$1. Of the tickets sold downtown at 75 cents, we will let the El Paso committee (or The Herald) retain 25 cents, turning in only 50 cents to us for each 75 cent ticket sold. Children's admission tickets at the grounds will be 50 cents."

The El Paso committee must furnish the grounds, police, advertising and ticket sellers. We will furnish ticket takers and aviators, Curtiss, Hamilton and Willard, and guarantee that they fly.

"Nat Reiss, "K. L. Bernard."

"There is no secrecy about this contract and the people of the city do not have to make any guarantee—only raise the \$4000 and promise us the first \$8000 received from the sale of tickets," said Mr. Reiss. "The \$4000 has been raised for Paulhan, I understand. The committee can take this \$4000 to pay our expenses and then begin the advertising of the meeting and the sale of tickets on the proposition we make herewith. There is money in an aviation meeting for the El Paso promoters."

AVIATION MEET AT PHOENIX IS OPEN

Charles K. Hamilton Says He Will Smash Some World Records.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Charles K. Hamilton, who made a world record flight in an exhibition with his aeroplane at Fresno last Sunday, reached Phoenix yesterday morning and was followed this morning by C. P. Willard, who brought with him the big eight cylinder Curtiss machine with which the world record for height, long distance and speed will be tried for. Glenn Curtiss has wired from the east that he is restrained from leaving the jurisdiction of one of the New York courts by an injunction which seeks to hold him as a witness in a suit brought by Wright

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SON FOLLOWS FATHER TO DEATH

Young Ed. Scanton Falls Beneath Heavy Engine in Local G. H. Yards.

HAS BOTH LEGS CUT FROM BODY

Father of the Victim Met Death on Southwestern Road Two Years Ago.

In performing the duties of switchman on the G. H. & S. A. rightofway, near Octavia street, shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, Edward F. Scanton, for many years freight conductor on local roads, fell beneath an engine and suffered an amputation of both legs near the trunk. The cause of the accident is unknown, although it is believed the young man lost his balance in making a switch.

The body was turned over to Nagley & Kaster.

Coming as the second railroad calamity in its history, the accident has grief broken the Scanton family, which has supplied many railroad men to the southwest. Roadmaster E. D. Scanton was killed outright January 29, 1908, in a motor car accident on the western division of the E. P. & S. W., which road he had served for many years. A dog ran in front of the speeding car, wrecking the frail machine. And now the dead man's son has fallen beneath iron wheels, with no apparent cause for the accident. A widow and a mother doubtless suffer most the dual calamities.

Early this morning a crew was switching two dead road engines at the Octavia street crossing, preparing to add them to a freight train about to proceed westward. Young Scanton was riding on the pilot of one of the dead engines, which were being pushed by the yard engine. A switch and just been passed and the three engines proceeded on a siding. No one had missed Scanton.

The Body Found.

As he was leaving his work, night yardmaster Thomas Bird saw the young man's body near the switch, and, after one look, hurried to summon a physician and an ambulance. Scanton was conscious. He complained of great pain, but said nothing regarding his fall. The man's legs were torn in shreds from almost the hips down. He was hurried to Hotel Dieu, and the family was notified. From the beginning physicians offered little hopes of his recovery. On request of his mother Rev. Charles L. Overstreet was summoned and the apparently dying man was baptized.

Edward Scanton has served the G. H. & S. A. about three years, coming from service in Mexico. There he was conductor for the National Railway, and a member of the conductor's organization. He left service with the E. P. & S. W. before his father's death, for two years a freight conductor on that system.

Young Man's Relatives.

About three years ago Scanton, who was 27 years of age, married, purchasing a cozy home of his own. He has no children, but beside his widow and widowed mother, a number of brothers and sisters survive him, as follows: Edward Scanton, railroad machinist at Tombstone; Mrs. Emilie Smith, whose husband is a G. H. & S. A. engineer of the Sanderson division; Mrs. Ben Blumh, wife of a conductor on the west end of the E. P. & S. W.; Mrs. William Higlier, of El Paso, and four other sisters and brothers, all children, who live with his mother at 112 E. Missouri street.

Third Death Recently.

The death marks the third visiting of the ill-fated railroad family within two years. Alfred Scanton, an E. P. & S. W. system employee, who died of natural death, was the first to follow his father.

CORNER NEAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE IS SOLD

J. S. Squires, a well known Mexico doctor, has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hammett, the northeast corner of Overland and North Campbell streets for a consideration of \$20,000.

This corner, which is opposite the courthouse, is one of the most valuable in that section of the city.

Herald Beats Them All

Tucumcari, N. M., Feb. 7, 1910. Editor El Paso Herald:

The Herald has a splendid name here and gets all the world news here nearly 24 hours sooner than any other daily paper coming here.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Hammons.